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Subject: Motherboard (VICE) — Benzene/Texas questions

Hi, my name is Caroline Haskins and I'm a writer for Motherboard, Vice's science/tech site. I'm writing an article about the recent ITC petrochemical fire near Deer Park, TX. Local schools and businesses are closed due to increased levels of benzene. As a representative for the EPA in Texas, I was wondering if you could tell me the following:

- Exactly what type of work are EPA representatives doing in the Deer Park, TX area to monitor and respond to the air-quality situation? How many EPA representatives are on the ground?
- Exactly how long are air quality conditions expected to be hazardous?
- Does the EPA plan on doing long-term monitoring of benzene levels in the population around Deer Park, TX?

My deadline is at 1PM, so a response as soon as possible would be appreciated. Please feel free to add any other information you deem necessary.

Best,
Caroline

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